

"Pop Post"

Underground guns are drawn for Bee Gee Barry

BARRY GIBB (Disc Feb. 22) says underground music is all "four-letter words and ugly faces." I would like him to name one underground record with four-letter words in it. And does he think HE has a lovely face?

Who cares what groups look like? As long as the music is good, that's all that matters.

Ruth Noah, 8 Banister House, Homerton High Street, London E9.

BARRY GIBB shows both ignorance and immaturity. I nearly loaded my pistol! It seems all he can do is play "simple melodies" and show off his toothpaste advert smile to "the kids."

Mark Cowley, Colinton, Edinburgh.

Elvis—the facts

THERE were many mistakes in Ivor Davis's articles in Disc on Elvis.

Elvis's mansion in Memphis, "Graceland," has no electric fences, and has 21 rooms, not seventeen. He has the original pink and white Cadillac which he bought for his mother as an addition to the cars listed, and his accountant and secretary is the daughter of his uncle and gatekeeper, Vester, and not Joe Esposito as reported.

On the facts scene, Elvis cut "Memories/That's When Your Heartaches Begin" for his mother in 1953, and not "That's Alright Momma" which was recorded in 1954 and not '55 as stated.

Although Hal Wallis was the

first producer to sign Presley on a contract basis, "Love Me Tender," his first film was not made for Mr. Wallis' Paramount Company, but for 20th Century Fox under the production control of David Weisbert.

Elvis's first LP was not "Elvis" this was his second both in the U.S.A. and U.K., although over here it was called "Rock-n-Roll No. 2." His first album was in fact "Elvis Presley" with the title track "Blue Suede Shoes," and not "Rip It Up," and called "Rock-n-Roll No. 1" both on HMV over here.

And his first LP was issued in '56 and not '57. — **TODD SLAUGHTER**, secretary, Official Elvis Presley Fan Club, 286 Thurcaston Road, Leicester.

"Just ugly faces and rude words," says Barry Gibb.

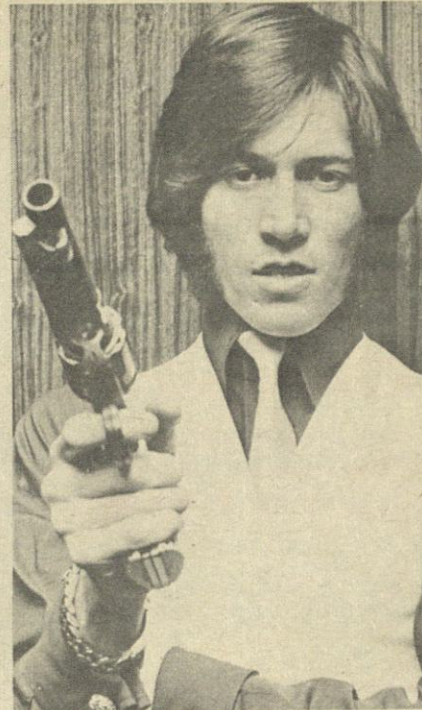
A lot of people like underground music because it's different and more varied—and pop is just as capable of rude words.

Cathy Hillas, 24 Boulsworth Road, Preston Grange, Northumberland.

● In reply to Roger Birch (Pop Post, Feb. 22) may I point out that at no time did Barry Gibb criticise the marriage of Maurice and Lulu—he merely tried to give Maurice some brotherly advice, as any elder brother would do.

I am sure that when Barry heard about the wedding, he simply wanted Maurice to know what a big step he was taking—more so after all the trouble last year between Lulu and Davy Jones.

Lynda Ayres, 362 Cog Lane, Burnley, Lancs.



Barry Gibb . . . toothpaste smile

CLUES ACROSS

3. Breezy melodies? (4)
7. Bread for that car? (5)
8. But he never played with a rabbit! (5)
9. An original conception (4)
10. Love boy (5)
11. Take off one's trousers (5)
12. Sound repetition (4)
14. That of Oz? (5)
16. Money man (5)
18. Romantic capital (4)
20. "Sound of Music" girl (5)
22. Old time flower (5)
24. High place in a show? (4)
25. Not relaxed (5)
26. Girl in the champagne set (5)
27. Top liner (4)

CLUES DOWN

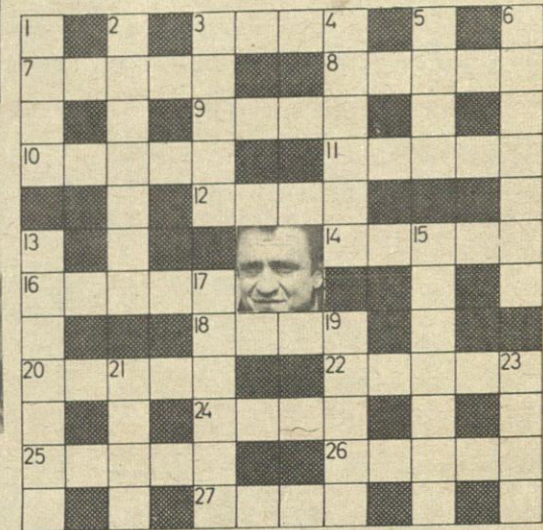
1. and 2. Ex-Cream guitarist (4, 7)
3. Stage whisper (5)
4. Unsubstantial group member? (6)
5. An attempt to wound? (4)
6. Group in the gallery? (3, 4)
13. Herman's hideaways? (7)
15. Down to Rio? (7)
17. Takes out (6)
19. Walter's destination (5)
21. Engaged signal! (4)
23. Money for Johnny? (4)

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